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Metallization with the Capability
of In-Situ Thermal Annealing**

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SUBSTITUTE RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 26, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 26, 2006, please enter this substitute response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants have removed incorporation by reference to a newly added parent case in this substitute response. Please consider the Petition for Claiming Benefit of Earlier Filing Date filed on July 26, 2006 in view of this substitute response. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/003421.C2/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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